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Each reference listed herein may be accompanied by an explanation of its relevance. While this explanation is believed to generally reflect the contents of the references which the undersigned believes a reasonable examiner might consider relevant and material to the examination of the above-identified patent application, it is not intended that the examiner rely on the description as unfailingly accurate or complete. A copy of each reference is enclosed for

the express purpose of providing the examiner with an opportunity to perform an independent evaluation to arrive at an independent assessment of its relevance and materiality, if any, to the claimed subject matter.

#### Cited Art

Malloy et al., U.S. patent 5,940,818, filed June 30, 1997, issued August 17, 1999: Teaches using a relational database management system as a storage manager for a type of functionality called on-line analytical processing or OLAP. Relational databases allow two sets of multidimensional data, each represented by a table, which shares a dimension to be related using a structured query language to extract data regarding relationships between entities in the first table to entities in a second table to create a third table. OLAP allows what if and why scenarios to be run on data in a database by repeated alteration of key variables or parameters.

Citron et al., U.S. patent 5,432,926, filed Dec. 4, 1992, issued July 11, 1995: Teaches a system to reduce bottlenecks in finishing commit and backout commands in distributed databases caused by the slowest or overloaded nodes in the system to enable release of transaction programs to continue to do their work without waiting for acknowledgements from all nodes to the commit or backout commands and without corrupting the distributed database.

Reed, et al., U.S. patent 5,862,325, filed Sept. 27, 1996, issued January 19, 1999: Teaches an automated communication system which transfers data, metadata and processes of object oriented programming objects from provider computers to consumer computers with the transferred information controlling the communications relationship to solve such problems as updating of addresses and other contact information when there is a change, providing information to customers when they need it by their preferred method of receiving it, automatic updates of provider information stored in consumer computers when information in the provider computer changes, etc. Transfers of metadata allow control by the provider and consumer computer of communications intelligently so that communications of the type and content desired in the future can be maintained.

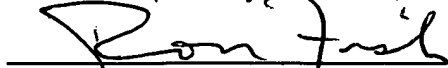
Bosco et al., U.S. patent 5,191,522, filed January 18, 1990, issued March 2, 1993: Teaches a system to construct a single enterprise-wide relational database to process insurance. Various application modules create the various tables of the relational database and restrict access of certain system users to particular data. Entities are identified and relationships between them are identified and encoded into the database.

Frasconi, Gori, Sperduti, *A General Framework for Adaptive Processing of Data Structures*, IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks, Vol. 9, No. 5, September 1998: Teaches an adaptation of neural networks and belief nets for the problem of processing structured information. Structures are processed by unfolding recursive networks into an acyclic graph called encoding network.

By doing this, inference and learning algorithms can be inherited from the corresponding algorithms for artificial neural networks or probabilistic graphical model.

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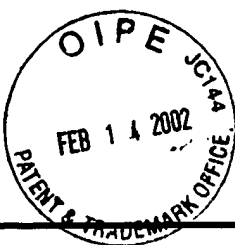
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